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Mid-August Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of August showed increases for all barley, feed barley, potatoes, beef cattle, calves, steers and heifers. Price declines were recorded for all wheat and cows. Prices were unchanged for alfalfa hay, dry beans, and all milk.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, August 2005-August 2006

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		August 2005	July 2006	August 2006 ^{1/}	August 2005	July 2006	August 2006	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	112.00	118.00	118.00	108.00	113.00	110.00	--
Barley, All	Bu.	3.08	3.14	3.17	2.50	2.70	2.69	37
Feed	Bu.	2.10	2.13	2.15	1.77	2.04	2.07	--
Malting	Bu.	3.27	3.29	^{10/}	2.85	2.95	3.06	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	27.40	18.00	18.00	21.40	21.70	20.30	37
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	4.90	7.35	7.75	7.02	11.02	9.03	56
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	5.60	8.70	--	11.70	15.36	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	4.60	5.90	--	4.73	6.14	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.18	3.48	3.47	3.24	3.89	3.88	37
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	78.60	75.20	79.30	84.40	86.10	87.70	45
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	47.70	44.90	44.50	51.40	46.60	46.90	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	85.40	84.30	86.90	87.70	90.40	91.80	--
Calves	Cwt.	122.00	123.00	124.00	133.00	136.00	134.00	50
Lambs	Cwt.	108.00	86.00	--	109.00	93.10	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt.	13.60	10.70	10.70	14.80	11.80	^{7/} 11.90	^{8/} 31
Fluid Grade ^{9/}	Cwt.	13.60	10.70	--	14.80	11.80	^{7/} 11.90	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	13.00	10.00	--	13.80	10.80	^{7/} 11.00	--

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/Fat test percent: all milk 3.57, fluid milk 3.57, mfg grade 3.72. 8/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 9/ Including milk diverted to manufacturing. 10/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual farms.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	July 2005	August 2005	July 2006		August 2006 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	116	116	117	117	120
Prices Paid	141	141	148	148	148
Ratio ^{1/}	82	82	79	79	81

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.

Idaho Potatoes – Production 2004-2005

Final disposition numbers show Idaho's 2005 potato crop totaling 118 million cwt, an increase of 1.1 percent from earlier estimates. Field run yield of 366 cwt is 4 cwt more than the previous estimate. Harvested area for the 2005 crop was 323,000 acres. The first production estimates for the 2006 crop will be available on November 9, 2006.

POTATOES: ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, 2004 AND 2005

SEASONAL GROUP AND STATE	2004 CROP				2005 CROP			
	AREA		YIELD PER HARVESTED ACRE	PRODUCTION	AREA		YIELD PER HARVESTED ACRE	PRODUCTION
	PLANTED	HARVESTED			PLANTED	HARVESTED		
	1,000 Acres		Cwt	1,000 Cwt	1,000 Acres		Cwt	1,000 Cwt
Winter	18.7	18.5	260	4,818	20.0	19.8	247	4,892
Spring	76.5	72.2	314	22,663	68.0	66.7	281	18,724
Summer	58.4	53.9	340	18,307	53.4	51.4	342	17,567
Fall								
California	7.6	7.6	480	3,648	7.6	7.6	435	3,306
Colorado	65.0	64.3	370	23,791	58.2	58.0	395	22,910
IDAHO, ALL	355.0	353.0	374	131,970	325.0	323.0	366	118,288
10 SW Co	25.0	25.0	490	12,250	21.0	21.0	470	9,870
Other Areas	330.0	328.0	365	119,720	304.0	302.0	359	108,418
Indiana 1/	3.4	3.2	350	1,120				
Maine	63.5	61.5	310	19,065	57.5	56.2	275	15,455
Massachusetts	2.6	2.5	320	800	2.5	2.4	260	624
Michigan	43.0	42.0	325	13,650	43.0	42.8	325	13,910
Minnesota	47.0	44.0	430	18,920	46.0	43.0	410	17,630
Montana	10.7	10.6	335	3,551	10.7	10.6	325	3,445
Nebraska	22.0	21.6	430	9,288	19.5	19.4	425	8,245
Nevada	6.7	6.7	430	2,881	5.5	5.5	425	2,338
New Mexico 2/	4.0	4.0	430	1,720	4.7	4.2	420	1,764
New York	20.0	19.2	270	5,184	20.5	20.1	260	5,226
North Dakota	105.0	101.0	265	26,765	92.0	82.0	250	20,500
Ohio	3.7	3.6	300	1,080	3.7	3.6	240	864
Oregon, ALL	37.0	37.0	534	19,775	37.3	37.1	594	22,023
Malheur Co.	5.2	5.2	470	2,444	3.8	3.8	450	1,710
Other Areas	31.8	31.8	545	17,331	33.5	33.3	610	20,313
Pennsylvania	12.0	11.0	240	2,640	11.5	11.0	250	2,750
Rhode Island	0.5	0.5	290	145	0.5	0.5	210	105
Washington	160.0	159.0	590	93,810	154.0	154.0	620	95,480
Wisconsin	71.0	70.0	435	30,450	68.0	68.0	410	27,880
TOTAL FALL	1,039.7	1,022.3	401	410,253	967.7	949.0	403	382,743
UNITED STATES	1,193.3	1,166.9	391	456,041	1,109.1	1,086.9	390	423,926

1/ Estimates discontinued in 2005.

2/ Summer potatoes combined with fall potatoes in 2005.

U.S. Corn and Sugarbeet Production Higher

Based on conditions as of September 1, Idaho's sugarbeet yield is forecast at 27.0 tons per acre, 0.2 ton above the August forecast, but 0.1 tons less than 2005. Production is forecast at 5.05 million tons, 12 percent higher than last year's production. Area expected for harvest is estimated at 187,000 acres, up 12 percent from a year ago.

Nationally, sugarbeet production is forecast at 32.4 million tons, 2 percent above the August forecast and 18 percent above last

year's production. Growers in the 11 sugarbeet-producing States expect to harvest 1.34 million acres, down fractionally from last month but 8 percent above last year. The yield is forecast at 24.1 tons per acre, 0.4 ton above the August forecast and 1.9 tons above 2005. Corn production is forecast at 11.1 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month and fractionally above 2005. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 154.7 bushels per acre, up 2.5 bushels from August and 6.8 bushels from last year.

Harvested Acreage, Yield and Production, Idaho & U.S., 2005 and Forecasted 2006

CROP	UNIT	HARVESTED ACREAGE		YIELD			PRODUCTION		2006 AS A PERCENT OF 2005
		2005	2006	2005	2006		2005	2006	
					Aug 1	Sep 1			
IDAHO: 1/ Sugarbeets	Tons	167.0	187.0	27.1	26.8	27.0	4,526	5,049	112
UNITED STATES: Sugarbeets	Tons	1,242.9	1,343.6	22.2	23.7	24.1	27,537	32,390	118
Corn for Grain	Bushel	75,107	71,841	147.9	152.2	154.7	11,112,072	11,113,766	100

1/ Idaho corn for grain data available January 2007.

Idaho Apple, Prune and Plum Production

Idaho apple production is unchanged from last year, at 70 million pounds. Prune and plum production is forecast at 3,000 tons, up 1,000 tons from last year. The nation's 2006 apple production is expected to total 9.62 billion

pounds, down 2 percent from 2005 and 8 percent below 2004. The 2006 prune and plum production in Idaho, Michigan, Oregon, and Washington is forecast at 24,000 tons, up 164 percent from last year but down 4 percent from 2004.

Fruit Production, Selected States & U.S., 2005 - 2006

State	Apples 1/		Prunes & Plums	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Tons</i>	
California	355	360	--	--
Idaho	70	70	2,000	3,000
Michigan	780	680	2,000	3,000
New York	1,040	1,100	--	--
North Carolina	130	172	--	--
Oregon	145	155	1,500	13,000
Pennsylvania	515	450	--	--
Utah	38	22	--	--
Virginia	280	260	--	--
Washington	5,800	5,600	3,600	5,000
West Virginia	87	90	--	--
UNITED STATES	9,865	9,620	9,100	24,000

1/ In orchards of 100 or more bearing age trees.

U.S. Dairy Products July 2006 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 768 million pounds, 3.9 percent above July 2005 but 3.3 percent below June 2006.

Italian type cheese production totaled 318 million pounds, 5.0 percent above July 2005 but 2.4 percent below June 2006.

American type cheese production totaled 329 million pounds, 4.0 percent above July 2005 but 2.5 percent below June 2006.

Butter production was 92.7 million pounds in July, 3.3 percent below July 2005 and 8.0 percent below June 2006.

Frozen dessert: (comparisons with July 2005)

Ice cream

Regular (hard) --- 85.4 million gallons, down 1.8 percent.

Lowfat (total) --- 36.9 million gallons, up slightly.

Nonfat (hard) --- 1.38 million gallons, down 37.1 percent.

Sherbet (hard) --- 5.27 million gallons, down 2.9 percent

Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 6.26 million gallons, up 6.7 percent.

Nonfat dry milk for human food: (compared with July 2005)
88.2 million pounds, down 18.9 percent.